

## AT HOME AT LAST

After 37 Years J. F. Lytle Can "Settle" in Topeka.

Nearly Two Score Years in Express Co. Service.

## HE IS GLAD BOOZE IS GONE

Costs Express Firms Money, but It's Worth It.

On Road in Old Days When Outlaws Were Thick.

A quiet home life will be the lot of J. F. Lytle, new agent for the Wells Fargo in Topeka after thirty-seven years on the road as an express agent and route man. Mr. Lytle was appointed general agent at Topeka, August 1.



J. F. Lytle, new Wells-Fargo agent in Topeka.

Lytle has gone thru the hardships of the early-day railway life in the middle west. He has fought with the negro bootleggers at the express office, he has been snowbound and he has heard the bullets of train robbers whistling around his express car on the Oklahoma plains in the early days. Lytle entered the express service in 1880 as a messenger for the American Express company, running from Indianapolis to St. Louis. In 1884 he became a messenger for the Wells-Fargo Express company, running from Kansas City to Albuquerque. In 1889 he became the Wells-Fargo agent at Emporia and two years later was promoted to route agent for western Kansas lines of the Santa Fe from Hutchinson to Denver. A year later he was appointed route agent for the eastern Kansas lines of the Santa Fe with headquarters at Emporia. The headquarters for the route agent were transferred to Topeka in 1897 and Lytle has been a Topeka resident ever since.

Glad Booze Is Gone. Lytle's duties during all these years have been to audit the accounts of all agents between Kansas City and Superior, Neb. He has been in the express business, straight out quarrels between agents and shippers and acting as a mediator for kicks and trade agreements on the roads in eastern Kansas. He has seen the bootlegging business in its zenith and its decline and finally in its death.

"The bootlegging business was the chief grief of the express men," said Lytle. "We had the ignorant and quarrelsome elements in every town to contend with each evening after the express came in from Kansas City or some other wet town. It made us lots of money, but it was making it up with other business now."

Outlaws Held Up Train. While a route agent Lytle was on an express car one night in Oklahoma when a band of outlaws held up the train. Lytle and the express agent heard shots but thought at first it was dynamite on the track. Then a shot struck the door of the car. "We both climbed out and lined up with the train crew," said Lytle. "The robbers blew up our safe but found no money in it. They debated as to whether they should search the passengers but finally decided to let them alone. They fired a few volleys and rode away."

"As we were lined up there along the right-of-way we could look into the cars. We knew we had a full load of passengers when we left but the train certainly looked vacant. Every passenger was ducked down under the seat fearful that a chance bullet might strike him."

The war calling three Topeka employees of the Wells-Fargo to their country's service hasn't made Lytle's new job a bed of roses. T. K. Lawrence of Ottawa, Kan., will succeed Lytle as route agent. Mr. Lawrence will move his family to Topeka.

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## BOOK OF KANSAS

Harry E. Caylor Writes Gem for Santa Fe Railway.

Covers Everything That Can Be Said for the State.

## "AND THEN THERE'S THE HEN"

That Was Opening of the 67th Typewritten Page.

Frank Jarrell Tells of State Journal Man's Task.

BY J. F. JARRELL.  
Harry E. Caylor, formerly and now a member of the State Journal staff of newsmen, but in the interim attached to the publicity department of the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company, on his vacation. Therefore, I take the liberty of turning in a story about a particularly good piece of work Mr. Caylor did while the Santa Fe service.

One day I received a note from C. L. Seagraves, industrial commissioner, saying that it was necessary to have a new Kansas folder, and that he would look to me for it. Being a charter member of the Buck Passers' union, I handed the note to Caylor and asked him to try his hand on the job. He read the note, grunted, and left the office. I heard no more about the Kansas folder for two weeks—the day Caylor had set to return to the State Journal.

"Here's your old folder," he said, and laid seventy pages of typewritten matter on my desk. Caylor had everything. I read Jake Mohler's reports all the time "herd books." Governor Capper's world's fair speeches and the Agricultural college bulletins to find something about Kansas that Caylor had overlooked, but I couldn't.

I thought Caylor never would cease telling about wonderful production in Kansas, and he submitted proof of every assertion made. "And then there's the hen," said Caylor, starting the 67th page, the unassuming Kansas hen piles up a business annually that exceeds in value the yearly output of the Klondike.

Following came a string of figures comparing eggs with nuggets. So it was through the manuscript. Caylor wrote figures like an old-time Populist.

"There is a greater opportunity in the state of Kansas today than there ever has been since white men began the conquest of its fertile prairies," the Santa Fe's Kansas folder begins. "Fortunate above most of the sisterhood of states, Kansas with deep soil and rich loam, needing only the earnest co-operation of willing hands and intelligent understanding to create wealth, looks forward to some of the advantages for which they long have been looking. While Kansas is a finished community, so far as the state applies to any part of the great southwest, there is within its borders a vast acreage crying for the plow. Development of this area already is a doubtless will double, and possibly triple, the wealth of the state in the near future."

"The man who is in earnest, whether his capital be limited or unlimited, will find in Kansas an opening, which, when he has made it, will lead him to financial independence. There is a future in Kansas for the man whose two hands are the only means of support. He can make a fortune in the land of opportunity that are seldom equalled."

Of the people of Kansas the folder says: "Kansas people are not divided by class or social lines. They are farmers, who live on the land, and have about them that breezy, wholesome manner which has built democracy in the west. The state has few millionaires, and a lower class of pauperism than a majority of the states. Wealth is as evenly distributed as it is in class. Practically everywhere, as shown by the assessors' reports, has a business or profession. Half the people are engaged in agriculture, or its allied industries. Twenty per cent are professional men or women. Trade and transportation claim 18 per cent. Mechanical industries rank next with 10 per cent. The remaining two per cent are engaged in mining."

Governor Capper contributes a chapter to the folder. He says: "In our own way, I think we have done more to promote social progress, to bring larger opportunities to our citizens of every American community, and have developed an intelligent citizenship thru the ballot which comes nearer intended by the framers of the constitution of independence than is to be found anywhere else in all the land of the world."

"In the comparatively short time since the pioneers first turned the rich and fertile sod of Kansas, the Kansas young state has stepped forward with all the impetuosity of youth, and now, as compared with her sister states ranks: First in wheat, first in combined value of wheat and corn, first in alfalfa, first in sorghums, first in her per capita wealth, first in the arts of the husbandman, first in wholesome environments for home building and first in the high order of her citizenship."

"We are told by the kings of finance in Wall street that Kansas is today the most prosperous state in the Union. This is true. We have 205 millions of surplus wealth piled in our banks and savings institutions. But better and nobler than all this material success is the high standard of citizenship, the fine spirit of justice and fairness that animates the soul of every true Kansan with a little more fervor, I am sometimes tempted to think, than the citizen of any other state."

## Loca News Events of the Past Week

As Depicted By Bolmar

SUNDAY. MONDAY. TUESDAY. WEDNESDAY.



Rev. Robert Gordon, during sermon on the capital steps, alleged that boys can still buy cigars in Topeka.

Chamber of Commerce began passing on the hat to collect \$22,000 to buy land for K. and L. of S. home.

Certain Topeka citizens organized to fight against paying the new three-dollar poll tax.

Twenty-four local merchants began making one delivery a day, in the interest of war economy.

Women's Roti club gave street dance and open-air entertainment for benefit of several things.

When Uncle Sam calls the guard to the colors Sunday, the Topeka boys will be prepared.

Missouri guardsmen were called from guarding local railroad bridges and sent to Fort Riley training camp.

Entertainment at Auditorium for benefit of national guard headquarters company by three Topeka bands.

able farming. Nature has made of Kansas a stockman's paradise. With a wonderful profusion of grains and grasses, abundant supplies of pure water, mild climate and nearness to market, conditions are ideal for the livestock industry. Improved animals are rapidly displacing the "scrubs" and the general average in quality is high.

The newspaper is recognized by the Santa Fe as a constant force in the state's development. The folder says: "Kansas owes much to its newspapers. They have labored in season and out of season for the state's up building; and the fact that the general run of Kansas papers rank high in the world is evidence of the high caliber of the men of moderate means and public spirit of the men and women who are devoting their lives to a profession which they use from day to day in their business. News editors will find a staunch friend in the local newspaper."

The Santa Fe company, a Kansas corporation, with headquarters in Topeka, operates in eighty of the 105 counties of the state. Its property in Kansas is assessed at \$140,000,000, and its annual tax in Kansas is more than \$1,000,000. The Santa Fe mileage in Kansas is 2,815. The mileage for the system is 11,270. The Santa Fe's total investment in the thirteen states of Kansas, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and California is \$732,491,885. Approximately 70,000 people are employed to operate the property. Of this number 20,000 are employed in Kansas.

"The policy of the company," the folder concludes, "is to co-operate with the communities traversed by its lines, in movements for the development of the country's natural resources. The service of its industrial department is free for the use of the community. This department is to assist towns in their efforts to secure new industries; thru extensive advertising, to direct the attention of home-seekers and other desirable investors to Santa Fe territory, and thru its agricultural agents, to carry on experiments the year around, giving farmers the results obtained. The Santa Fe offers this co-operation because it is interested in having the communities on its lines grow in population and wealth, for the railway company prospers only when prosperity comes to the people whom it serves. The interests of the railway and its patrons are mutual."

ONLY 1 OUT OF 1000 That's U-Boat Record Against British Transports in 6 Months.

London, Aug. 4.—The British merchant marine has carried successfully to their destinations 8,000,000 men and 10,000,000 tons of war material, said Commander Dion Calhoun recently, describing the work done by the navy.

In six months of last year only one in a thousand ships passing the Dover patrol had been sunk or damaged. Up to January of this year not a life had been lost on the Atlantic coast of the United States. In the course of the war 1,000,000 sick and wounded men had been transported to this country, more than 1,000,000 horses and mules, 50,000,000 gallons of petrol, 100,000,000 hundred-weights of wheat and 7,000,000 tons of iron ore.

Referring to submarines he said there were a great many German widows and orphans who doubted the success of the U-boat. There were many women in Germany whose husbands did not come back.

Italians Bomb Coast Defenses.

Rome, Aug. 4.—Large squadrons of Italian aeroplanes yesterday effectively bombed the coast defenses and military works of Pola, the chief naval station of Austria-Hungary on the Adriatic, according to an official statement issued today by the Italian war department.

## Held in Bondage

Belgians Refuse To Let Deported Belgians Return Home.

Starvation Common Method To Compel Captives To Labor.



Belgians working in the mines, deprived of food and shelter, are being used as a source of labor.

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## TOPEKA IN WATER

Every Creek and River Made Into a Bathing Beach.

After All, the Greatest Sport Is In the Kaw.

## DANGER IS IN SUCK HOLES

But There Is a Way To Get Out of These Pools.

Kansans Can Swim Better Than Seashore Brother.

This is a great summer for the inland swimmer in Topeka. Never before have the streams in and near the city been so popular. Never before have so many Topekans been able to keep themselves on the surface of the water without the aid of wings, logs and "able admirers."

The encouragement given by the city in establishing municipal bathing beaches, this summer, has had much to do with the added zest in bathing. Thousands of Topekans every week take a dip into the Gage and Ripley swimming pools, and the city.

Swimmin' holes in nearby creeks and along the river heretofore unknown have been discovered by enterprising citizens. Disregarding the reputation of the river as a dangerous harbor of suck holes, currents and stepping stones, young men and boys have slid into the depths at points varying from one-half to five miles above the city.

The river—above the sewers, of course—is an ideal stream for swimming. This statement will be disputed by many. It is because they haven't tried it. Sweeping over miles and miles of sand, swirling between innumerable sand bars, the river is refreshing and full of sport.

Danger in the Kaw. There is a certain danger accompanying a swim in the Kaw. In the first place a "hole" must be entered carefully before the amateur swimmer should become reckless in his attempts. The Kaw is swift and swift and treacherous. The river is so low that its bed is filled with only the deeper, more treacherous rapids.

Swimming in a river current is the test of a real swimmer. It is almost impossible to make any headway against it despite the swiftest and most sweeping strokes. A good swimmer is content if he is able to hold on to a log or a rock.

The danger of meeting a suck hole can be avoided if the swimmer watches the water closely before he enters. The suck hole is a whirlpool on the surface by swirling disturbed waters. The steady flowing current will not hide a suck hole.

How to Avoid a Suck Hole. If by chance you are drawn in a suck hole there is only one way to safely emerge. Double up your body and keep your head above water. It will draw you down to the bottom, then cast you to one side and allow the water to whirl you to the edge.

When you feel yourself coming up to the surface again dive way from the "troubled waters" and you will come to the surface away from danger. It may take a while to get your head above water, but it will be worth it. It has its own way until you are free from its center.

The amateur swimmer who slips in over his head and who is carried down stream by the current should not lose his head. Don't try to swim. Just keep your head above water, paddle with feet and hands until you have floated down the stream and in a few minutes your natural course will be reversed.

Creeks Not Dangerous. The creek streams near Topeka are not dangerous. Many of them are deep but if a person keeps his head above water he will be able to find a place where his toes will touch.

The small boy still surpasses in swimming. He is less liable to cramps, he is used to the water, he doesn't overdo and he has learned to wiggle his hands and feet—a stunt that always keeps a person afloat.

Swimming is the tip-top sport. It brings into action muscles that are never used otherwise. It keeps the lungs busy and cools the body.

And the average Kansan can easily show up his eastern brother on the seashore. Large numbers don't have to be swimmers. In Kansas there is no fun in the water unless you can swim.

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